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1. Regimental Headquarters, 23d Glukhovsko-Rechinskoye Tk Regt, Order of the Red Banner, Order of Suvorov 2d class. This regiment was subordinated to the 9th Tk Div, 1st Meoz Army, GOFG. Other component units of the 1st Meoz Army are the 8th Tk Div, the 11th Tk Div, the 4th AA Div, and the 4th Arty Brigade. The 9th Tk Div has an actual strength of 7,000 and a wartime T/O of 9,000. This contradicts information by Source in paragraph 9. [REDACTED] in which he states that the 9th Tank Division has a wartime strength of 12,000/

2. The regimental headquarters of the 23d Tk Regt was composed of the following officers:

Regimental Commander - Col
Chief of staff - Lt Col
Political Officer - Lt Col
Deputy for Technical Matters - Lt Col
Deputy for Supply Matters - Lt Col
Assistant Chief of Staff - Maj
Regimental Engineering Officer - Maj
Artillery Technical Supply Chief - Maj
Chief of Counter Intelligence - Maj
Chief of Medical Section - Maj
Chief of Finance Section - Maj
Secretary of Communist Party - Maj
Chief of Reconnaissance - Maj
Chief of Chemical Warfare - Maj
Regimental Propaganda Officer - Maj
Chief of Transportation - Capt
Chief of Signals - Capt
Chief of Personnel Section - Capt
Chief of Food Supply - Capt
Operations Officer - Sr Lt
Chief of Clothing and Equipment Supply - Sr Lt
Chief of POL Supply - Sr Lt
Officer in Charge of Repairs - Sr Lt
Medical Detachment Commander - Sr Lt
Chief of Quarters Procurement - Lt
Comsomol Officer - Jr Lt
Club and Library Officer - Jr Lt

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3. The 23d Tank Regiment itself has two battalions of medium (T-34/85) tanks, and one battalion of heavy (JS-3 with 122-mm gun) tanks. The combined tank strength of the Regiment is 36 T-34/85 tanks, and 3 JS-3 tanks. The tank personnel of the three tank battalions are approximately 60 officers and 250 enlisted men. The tank battalions, both medium and heavy, have a headquarters section consisting of a commanding officer, a deputy commander, a chief of staff, a technical officer, an operations officer, and two or three enlisted men as clerks. There are three tank companies. The medium tank battalion has a T/E of 18 T-34/85 tanks, 38 Nagant or Tokarev pistols, 82 SMGs or carbines; it had a T/O of approximately 20 officers and 100 enlisted men. The heavy tank battalion has a T/E of 9 JS-3 tanks, 25 Nagant or Tokarev pistols, 48 SMGs or carbines; it had a T/O of 20 officers and 53 enlisted men.

4. Both the medium and heavy tank companies are composed of a headquarters, consisting of a commanding officer, a political officer, platoon commanders, a 1st sergeant and a company clerk. There are three platoons. A medium tank company has a T/E of six T-34/85 tanks, 11 pistols, 26 SMGs or carbines. It has a T/O of five officers and 32 enlisted men. The medium tank platoon contains two T-34/85 tanks. Each tank has a crew of five; the platoon commander may ride in either of the two tanks. The driver has a Tokarev or Nagant pistol, and the other crew members have carbines, or more often SMGs. A heavy tank company has a T/E of three JS-3 tanks, 10 Nagant or Tokarev pistols, 12 carbines or SMGs. It has a T/O of five officers and 17 enlisted men. The heavy tank platoon has one JS-3 tank with a crew of six men as follows: a platoon commander, a driver (deputy commander), a weapons commander, a weapons commander's assistant, a machine gunner, and a radio man.

5. The 23d Tank Regiment also had a motorized Rifle Battalion. This battalion has a headquarters section and three motorized rifle companies of approximately 350 officers and men. Twenty 3-ton Studebaker trucks are used as personnel carriers. The battalion was equipped with 82-mm and 120-mm mortars, and 45-mm and 57-mm AT guns. The mortars and AT guns were towed behind the Studebaker trucks.

6. The Antiaircraft Machine Gun Company is equipped with 12.77-mm DShK and 7.62-mm Goryunov machine guns. There are approximately 35 or 40 officers and men.

7. The Headquarters Service Company is divided into three parts. (1) the administrative platoon of about 20 men, including cooks, storekeepers, tailors, shoe repairmen, supply men, etc.; (2) the medical platoon with about 20 officers and men; and (3) the signal platoon with about 20 officers and men.

8. The Technical Supply Company has approximately 60 officers and men it had two command tanks for the regimental commander and his chief of staff, and two tank wreckers for disabled tanks.

9. The Regimental Band had 10 men.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Table of Organization of the 9th tank division

ENCLOSURE (B): Table of organization of the 23d tank Regiment, 9th tank division

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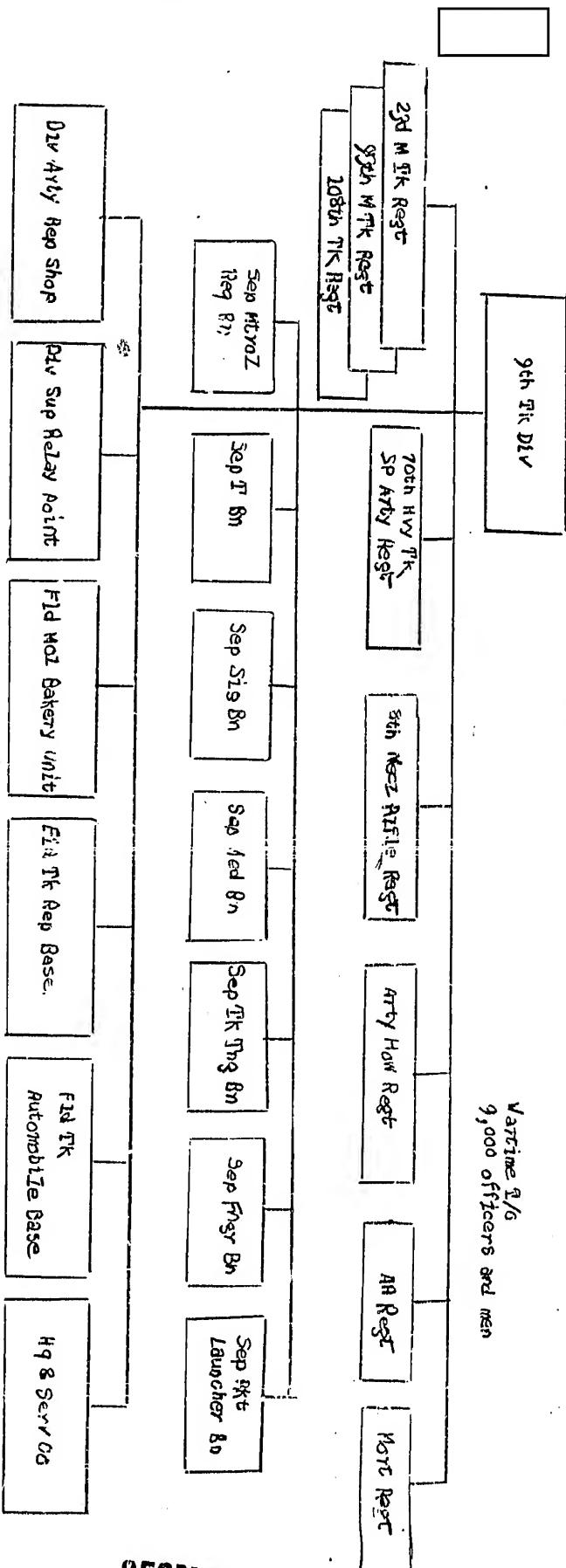
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Organization of the 5th Tk Div

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9,000 officers and men



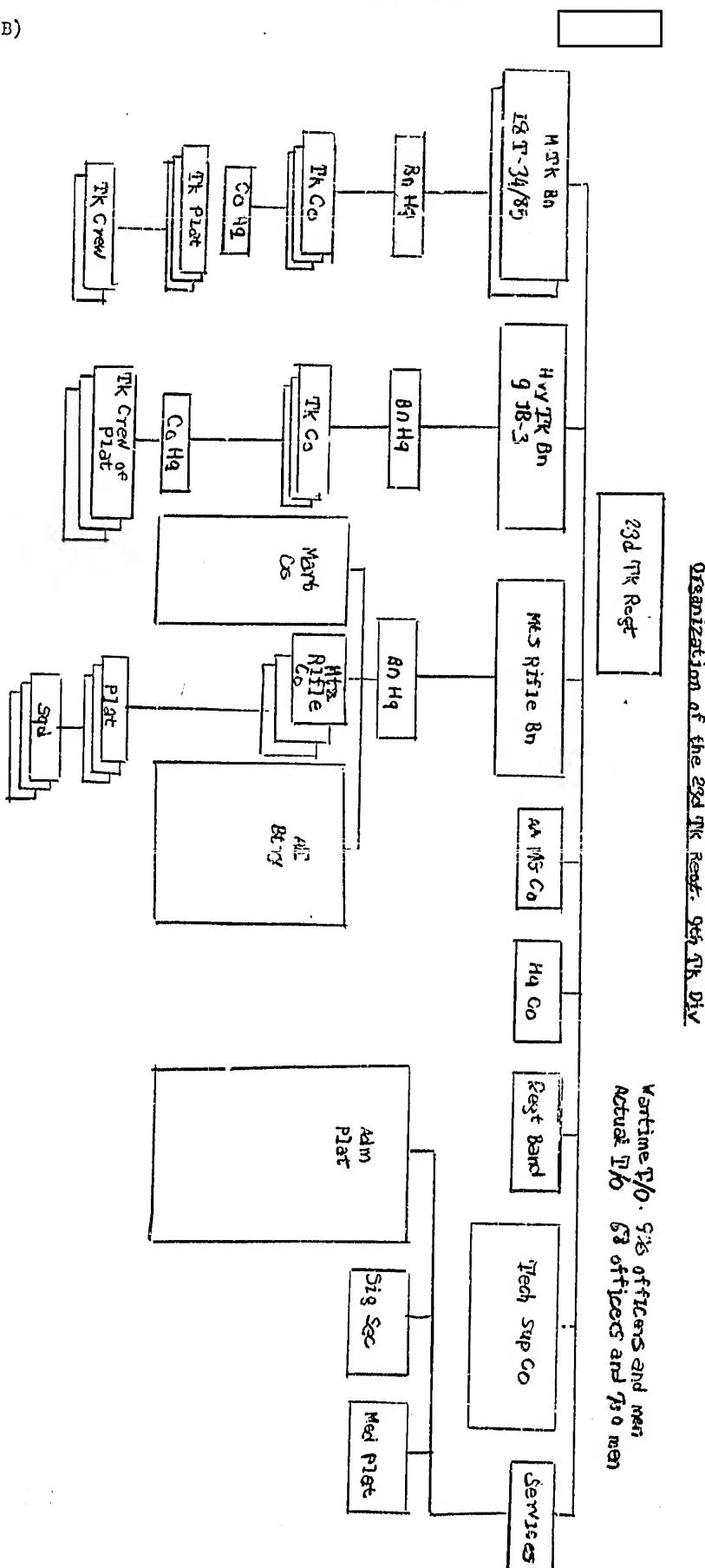
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